

FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 19, 2016
COURTHOUSE
FAYETTEVILLE, WV 25840
MEMBERS Present: John H. Lopez, Denise A. Scalph

The Fayette County Commission met in a regular session on this 19th day of April, 2016.

President Wender called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Eddie Young, Assessor, appeared to present real property exonerations for Mary R. Johns \$256.20; Mary F & Judith Sparkman \$130.66; NARCO INC \$6,517.00; Ruth H. Creger \$6.42 & \$6.42; John D. Joines \$4,019.78. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve the real property exonerations. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve vouchers and invoices and to release checks today. Commissioner Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Deborah Berry, County Administrator, presented a request from Lisa Ferrell-Keterson, Event Coordinator for the Annual Police Officer Memorial, to use the courthouse lawn to set up a tent for the purpose of feeding officers and their families on Monday, May 16, 2016. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented grant documents for approval and signature of President Wender for Records Management from the Division of Culture and History. \$5,000.00 for County Clerk to digitize birth, death and marriage books. \$5,305.00 for the Fayette County Commission to purchase an oversized scanner to digitize county maps and blueprints.

Commissioner Scalph motioned to authorize President Wender to sign the documents. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a resolution for New Haven PSD approving invoices related to the Winona Wastewater project. The Commission reviewed the resolution. This was approved in a prior meeting.

Ms. Berry presented an order for the Commission to approve and sign removing the executor (Thelma Kessler) as the executor of the estate of Lawrence Holt Smailes and appointing Clarence Smailes as the executrix of the estate of Lawrence Holt Smailes. This was also approved in a prior meeting.

Ms. Berry presented a request from Lita A. Eskew, Chair of the Old Fayetteville High School Building/Restoration Committee to place a sign on the courthouse lawn to show their fundraising goal for the project. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented support letters for John David with SALS for a generator and the Home Rehabilitation program. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the support letters for SALS. Commissioner Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a quote for Phillips Forerunner FR2 AED Defibrillators - \$425.00 each from Kevin Walker, for the following locations: Courthouse, Courthouse Annex, Memorial Building, Fayette County Park (Pool House during the summer months) and 2 for the 911 center (front lobby and dispatch.) President Wender requested training employees to use the defibrillators. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve the quotes of \$425.00 each and for the 6 defibrillators to be placed in the designated areas on our properties. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented an order and letter to reappoint Denise Scalph to the New River Transit Authority. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the reappointment. President Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a \$2,400.00 quote from Jane Lee Enterprises, Inc. to patch the parking lot on the right side of the courthouse. Other quotes are being gathered. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve the quote with the contingency that Ms. Berry see if there are more affordable options. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a request that a meeting to test for Election Day be held on April 29th. The Commission approves.

Ms. Berry read a letter from the State Auditor's office approve the Fayette County Commission 2016/2017 budget.

Commissioner Scalph read an order to lay the levy. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve and sign the order. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented letters to the elected officials and office holders for the Commission to sign.

The Commission recessed at 9:41 a.m.

The Commission reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

The Commission opened the floor for comments to the one representative each for and against the SBA lawsuit.

Jennifer Campbell appeared to discuss why the Commission should drop the lawsuit or withdraw their name. With the Country Commission name on the lawsuit, people against the suit feel citizens believe the Commission speaks for the whole county which is in fact not true.

There are people in the county prepared to sue the Commission for misrepresenting the people of the county. A meeting has been held with legal representation.

Brad Limer appeared to discuss why the Commission should proceed with the lawsuit. The SBA has shown inaction over and over again since 2013. Mr. Limer handed out the results of the WestTest over the last decade. The state has had control since 2010 and Fayette County's test scores continue to decline because of the SBA's inaction. Mr. Limer thanks the Commissions for their reactivity.

The Commissions motioned to enter into an executive session at 10:14 a.m. regarding a personnel issue.

The Commissions reconvened at 11:02 a.m.

Ms. Berry presented requests to Combine or Divide and Segregate land for Andrew D. & Jenny Marie Pense, Steve J. & Rita Pawlus, and Jerry Page, respectively. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve the requests. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.